

SENATE NO. 1069

AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR WORKERS SEEKING PART-TIME WORK

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 24 of chapter 151A, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after line 49 the following:—

3 (d) An individual who seeks part-time work shall be considered available for work provided that
4 the individual restricts his or her work search to part-time work for good cause. No individual
5 who is otherwise eligible for benefits shall be considered ineligible solely because the individual
6 seeks part-time work.

7 For the purposes of this subsection, the term “part-time work” shall mean work of at least
8 fourteen hours a week and at less than the full-time work schedule customarily for the
9 individual’s occupation. The deputy director shall promulgate regulations that define good
10 cause for restricting work search in the benefit year to part-time work and said definition shall
11 include the necessity to reduce hours of work due to child care or the care of sick or elderly
12 family members.